

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1. (Previously Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the step of:

adding an effective amount of a biocide combination to a pesticide suspension,

wherein said biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight of said biocide combination is 100%.

Claim 2. (Original) The process of Claim 1 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

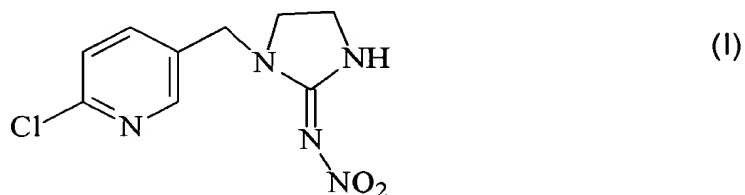
Claim 3. (Cancelled).

Claim 4. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 1 or 2 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

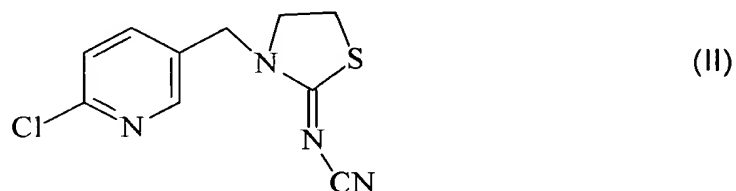
Claim 5. (Original) The process of Claim 4 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

Claim 6. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 4 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

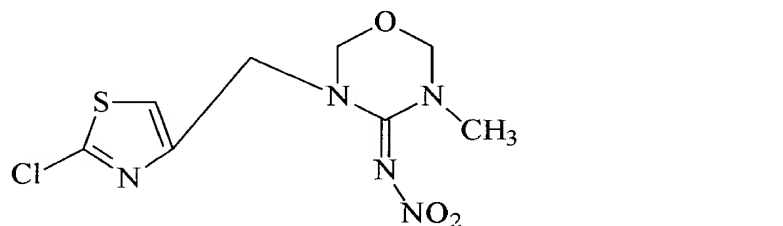
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and a compound represented by the formula (III)



Claim 7. (Original) The process of Claim 4 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

Claim 8. (Original) The process of Claim 4 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

Claim 9. (Previously Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension within a container that contains the pesticide suspension, the pesticide suspension including a pesticide suspended in a liquid medium comprising the steps of:

applying an effective amount of a biocide combination to one or more interior surfaces of a container which one or more surfaces contact a pesticide suspension when said pesticide suspension is contained within said container; and

introducing said pesticide suspension into said container, whereupon said pesticide suspension contacts said one or more interior surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereon;

wherein said biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight of said biocide combination is 100%.

Claim 10. (Original) The process of Claim 9 wherein the biocide combination comprises about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

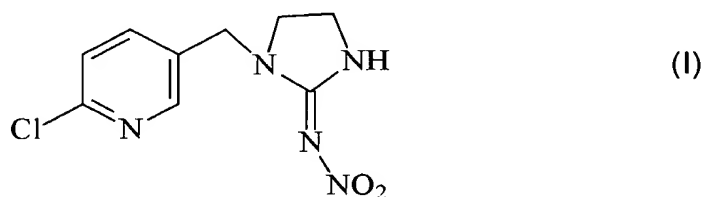
Claim 11. (Cancelled).

Claim 12. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 9 or 10 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

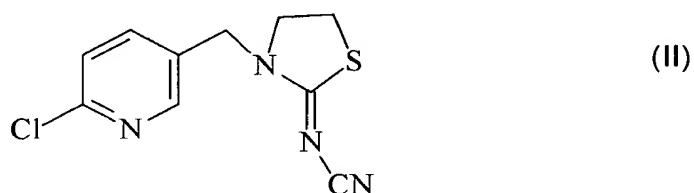
Claim 13. (Original) The process of Claim 12 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

Claim 14. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 12 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

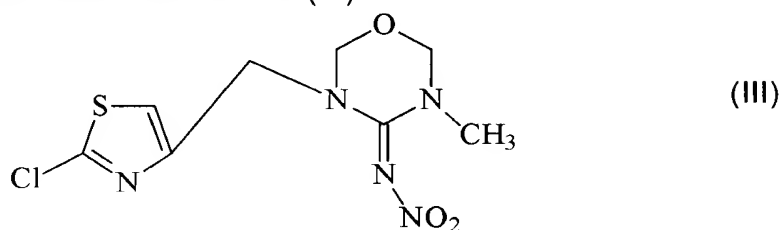
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Claim 15. (Original) The process of Claim 12 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

Claim 16. (Original) The process of Claim 12 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

Claim 17. (Previously Amended) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the step of applying an effective amount of a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to a surface wherein the pesticide suspension is in contact with the surface.

Claim 18. (Original) The process of Claim 17 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

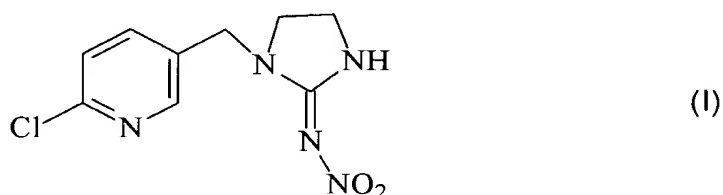
Claim 19. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 17 or 18 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

Claim 20. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 17 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

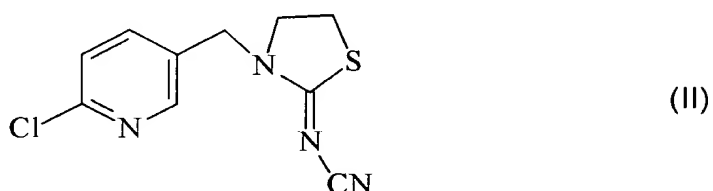
Claim 21. (Original) The process of Claim 20 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

Claim 22. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 20 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

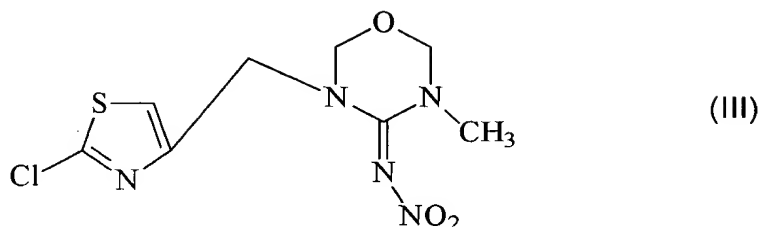
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Claim 23. (Original) The process of Claim 20 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

Claim 24. (Original) The process of Claim 20 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

Claim 25. (Previously Added) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing a container for containing a pesticide suspension;
- b) applying a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to one or more surfaces of said container that will contact said pesticide suspension when said pesticide suspension is contained within said container; and
- c) introducing said pesticide suspension into said container, whereupon said pesticide suspension contacts at least one of said surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereto.

Claim 26. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 25 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

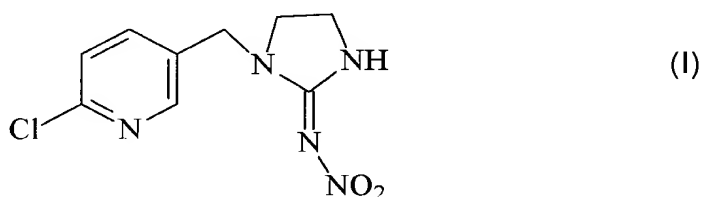
Claim 27. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 25 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

Claim 28. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 25, 26 or 27 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide is selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

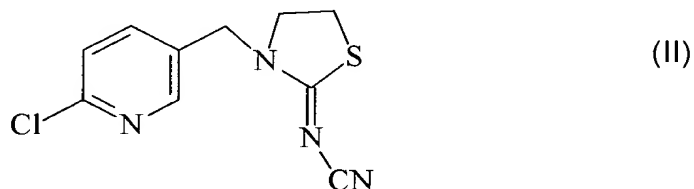
Claim 29. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 28 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinylns and chlorothiazoles.

Claim 30. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 28 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of

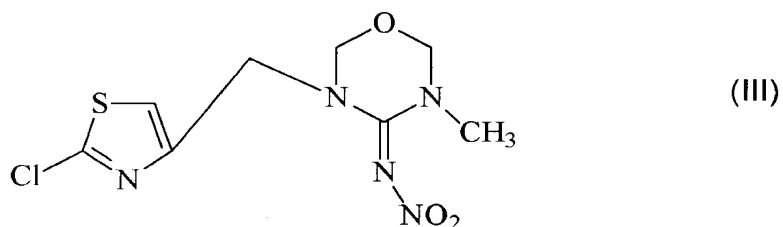
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and a compound of the formula (III)



Claim 31. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 28 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

Claim 32. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 28 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

Claim 33. (Previously Added) A process for inhibiting the growth of microorganisms in a pesticide suspension, comprising the steps of:

- a) providing one or more surfaces;
- b) applying a biocide combination of peracetic acid, hydrogen peroxide, and water to at least a portion of at least one surface of said one or more surfaces;
- c) contacting one or more of said portions of said one or more surfaces having said biocide combination applied thereto with a pesticide suspension.

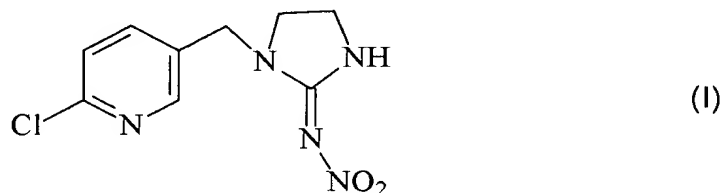
Claim 34. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 33 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 0.05% to about 1.0% by weight of the pesticide suspension.

Claim 35. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 33 wherein the biocide combination comprises from about 3.0% to about 7.0% by weight of peracetic acid, from about 19.0% to about 25.0% by weight of hydrogen peroxide, and from about 68% to about 78% by weight of water, wherein the total composition by weight is 100%.

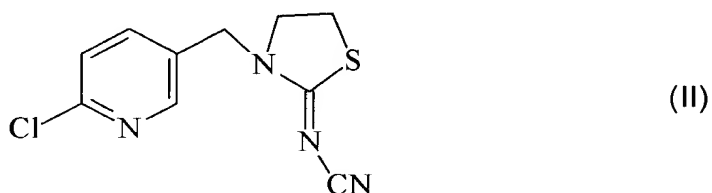
Claim 36. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 33, 34 or 35 wherein the pesticide suspension comprises a pesticide selected from the group consisting of an insecticide, a herbicide, and a fungicide.

Claim 37. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the insecticide is selected from the group consisting of chloronicotinyls and chlorothiazoles.

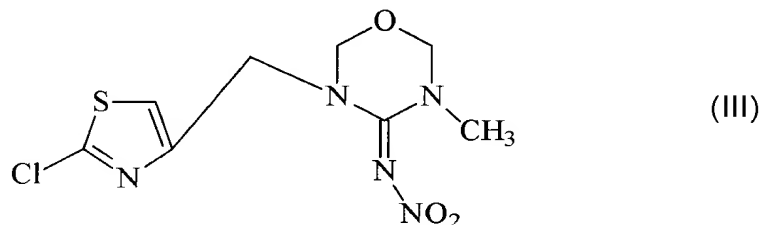
Claim 38. (Previously Amended) The process of Claim 36 wherein the insecticide is a compound selected from the group consisting of a compound of the formula (I)



a compound of the formula (II)



and a compound of the formula (III)



Claim 39. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the herbicide is metribuzin.

Claim 40. (Previously Added) The process of Claim 36 wherein the fungicide is tebuconazole.

Claim 41. (Cancelled).